

Time to Reflect

Our Old Testament reading used to be the set passage at the Ordination of Deacons. It tells of an experience of the holiness of God and Isaiah's overwhelming sense that the only acceptable response to this revelation is of total commitment to the Lord and to his message. Using it at that service was meant to reinforce in the hearts of those being ordained that God was with them. They were following a holy and long-standing tradition, going back to Isaiah and before.

The nature of readings in church is that we are only ever given a short excerpt. Those called to preach should always look to see what happened before and after the passage so that they don't espouse nonsense. And looking after this traumatic, mystical and deeply spiritual experience, a "spiritual high" as we might call it, we find something rather less appealing. For God tells Isaiah that, for all his ability to reach others and preach God's message, it will be useless. People will not listen, not change their ways, not return to faithful observance of their religious practices. In essence, God says that Isaiah could have saved his breath.

Today we are thinking about God's call to tell others about him. And the news is that, despite huge energy and skill in communicating the love of God, through words and deeds, we know that people are not responding. It would be tempting to give up and go home. Our vocation is to be faithful, to continue, to love God. No more, no less. God has shown himself. We, like Isaiah, have seen/heard/known. Like Isaiah let us continue to work for the Lord.

Worship and Activities this week

Today	12.00pm	Parish Lunch in Blackburne Hall
	5.00pm	Office Hour
	6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	"In-house" @ House on t'Rock
	7.30pm	Youth Central @ Church Hall
Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Study Group @ Ashton Room
Thurs	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Tiddlers @ Church House
	12.45pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Book Group @ Rectory
Fri	8.00am	Dust Busters
	9.45am	Funeral of Alvira Rose
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert with Tom Hicks (piano)
	4.00pm	Choir School
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	BPC Walking Group

Next Week: 3rd Sunday before Lent 17 February 2019

8.00am	Said Holy Communion
8.40	Adult Sunday School in Robert Peel
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
4.00pm	Baptism Preparation
5.00pm	Office Hour
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Baptisms, Blessings, Weddings.

Speak to any of the clergy after the service. They will be at the back of church. Spot the dog collar! Our monthly Parish Magazine has a full list of contact details for clergy and organisations on the inside of the back page. For inclusion on the weekly pew sheet: please email: bpc.office@tiscali.co.uk by *Wednesday*.

4th Sunday before Lent

10th February 2019

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We **welcome you** and hope you enjoy being with us. If you're not familiar with our services, don't worry. We follow a written order of service and at times will tell you which page we're on.

We also **welcome children in church**. If your child gets restive in church, don't be afraid to get up and move around if this helps. There is a toilet at the back of church.

There is a **Hearing Loop** for those who would value it.



8.00am Said Holy Communion
5th Sunday after Epiphany (p 74)
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Julian Heaton, Rector

10.00am Parade Eucharist, and Thanksgiving
President: Julian Heaton, Rector
Preaching : Ian McVeety, Hon Assist't
Hymns: On the Service Sheet
Motet :
Richard Shephard :
I heard the voice of Jesus
Thomas Tallis : If ye love me

6.30pm Evensong
Minister : David Foss, Hon Assist't
Preaching : Rhiannon Jones, Assoc Rtr
Hymns: 377; 521; 152
Psalm 2 (pg. 347 - 348)
Hosea 1 (pg.724—725)
Colossians 3. 1-22 (pg. 988)
Anthem: S S Wesley :
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

Cornerstone

Serving Bury, deepening our faith, caring for the marginalised, sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Today's Readings

The Collect

O God, you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

(Isaiah 6.1-8)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

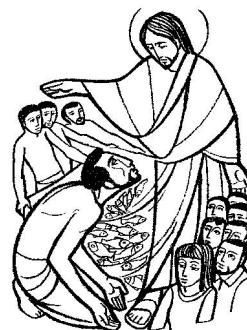
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 5.1-11)

Glory to you, O Lord

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



Adult Sunday School

Gathers at the Robert Peel on **Sunday 17 February** at 8.45am. If you've not joined us, do come. We drink coffee/tea, or maybe breakfast too, and will indulge in in discussion– Nourishment for the body and soul.

Magazine

The February Edition is now available. Do collect your copy today. Please note that the Magazine material will need to be in by tonight. Please email your contributions to : marcm1969@gmail.com

Parish Lunch

Today at 12.00 noon, served by the choir. Tickets at £4.00, available from the Church Wardens or Keith Sedman

11th (St Paul's) Bury Rainbows
RACE NIGHT
28th February @ 7.30pm £3



Race Night

St Paul's School Hall
Porrit St, BL9 6LJ
Pie and Pea Supper
Bring your own drinks

If you want to sponsor a race... £5
If you want to "buy" a horse... £3.
See Jackie Heaton (Sunshine) for more information.

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